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BUSINESS MEETS WITH ANC



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THE RESISTANCE CONTINUES

Police continue to shoot and kill people in the black

Africa continue their resistance through protests, riots, attacks on police and collaborators, guerilla bombings, boycotts of white businesses, strikes, incidents of non-cooperation, school boycotts, etc. As James Ridgeway said in The Village Voice of Sept. 3, 1985, "Events in South Africa are speeding toward revolution. Not since the toppling of the Shah of Iran has the world witnessed such an immense event, unfolding daily in a mass spectacle of demonstrations, funerals, (and) marches." One of the most striking aspects of the struggle remains its widespread and largely spontaneous nature. No single organization can claim to be leading the resistance. In fact Continued on page 2

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News in Review

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the most important black political group, the ANC, is hardly a radical organization. It has itself been under increasing attack by many blacks (including the Azanian People's Organization, AZAPO, founded in 1978) for not going far enough in its rejection of white power and capitalism. It is not unlikely that one reason some sections of the South African business community would like to begin power-sharing negotiations with the ANC is undoubtedly their repugnance at the prospect of more radical groups and demands completely overshadowing the ANC's moderation.

ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIONS

An important part in the antiapartheid struggle is being played by the international actions of a variety of groups. Every action which helps chip away at the international legitimacy of the South African state, and every action which damages the South African economy still further will advance the movement and help maintain enough momentum that the state will find it harder and harder to continue its present policies. And once it begins compromising it will find it even harder to resist the avalanche of pressure which will follow. By then the whole racist establishment will be so demoralized that its defeat will become almost inevitable. Aside from the ongoing divestment struggles like the one now pressuring the University of Missouri to Two other offices, an investment company involved in South African dealings, and a company that imports Krugerands were similarly attacked.

At two A.M. on June 26th in Berlin the windows of ten branches of the Deutsche Bank were smashed with stones. The Deutsche Bank gives credit to South Africa.

On July 9th in Arhus, Denmark a masked group broke into the offices of the Maersk Agency and poured oil over their files and computers. Until recently Maersk was transporting 40% of South Africa's oil. Some people were arrested later, but were found to have no connection with the attack. Also in Arhus, 20 people chained themselves to cranes in the harbor, holding up the unloading of a ship full of South African coal for several hours.

On July 30th in Copenhagen 20 masked people broke into the South African Consulate, smashed furniture, broke windows, etc. and then threw paint bombs. All escaped without any arrests being made.

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An international day of action is planned for September 30th. Called STOP SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS DAY, and centered in Britain, it is intended to be a day of direct action against businesses which collaborate with the South African government. The idea is to demonstrate, disrupt business as usual, paint graffiti, sabotage from within (if you work in such a business), etc. in order to cost them as much money as possi-

failed due to massive police intervention, STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL was started in San Francisco and spread to become an internationally coordinated day for the disruption of all the "business as usual" which supports and reinforces our submission to a hierarchical and exploitative political/economic system. In order to avoid the problem of police repression, STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL was based in local areas and on small groups of friends, fellow students/workers, etc., using hit and run tactics.



SHADOW PROJECT ARRESTS

The International Shadow Project, probably the largest international anti-nuclear art event ever staged, brought an estimated 10,000 people out into the streets on the night of August 5th. In over 300 communities around the globe, participants whitewashed, chalked and painted human and animal silhouettes across streets, sidewalks and buildings. Everywhere, these grim reminders of Hiroshima and Nagasaki drew public interest and comment.

Not surprisingly, the action also drew police interest and at least 200 people were arrested or reported in Montreal, Quebec (92), Regina Saskatchewan and cities in England and Australia. Charges have already been dropped in some places, and no significant jail sentences are expected in any event.

> For more information, contact: International Shadow Project c/o Performers and Artists for Nuclear Disarmament Box 40223

Portland, OR. 97240 SOURCE: THE NUCLEAR RESISTER, Ukiah, California

VIETNAM VICTORY MEMORIAL

The Vietnam Victory Memorial Committee will be dedicating America's first memorial to those who died fighting against the United States government's dirty, genocidal war in Vietnam. The memorial will include a list of the names of all those who died fighting against the war. but since these individuals died opposing the government's war, there are no official records of their deaths. So, anyone with knowledge of a name which should be on the memorial, please send the information to the Vietnam Victory Memorial Committee, Box 9364, Phoenix, AZ. 85068.

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On May 2nd in Copenhagen, Denmark a group of people moved all the furniture of a South African Airways Office out in the middle of a crowded shopping street and left it with banners and posters displayed.

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for punks, and their overtly ageist stuff got aired. and conformist attitudes were incredible. It was quite a trip to feel all the shit come down. It was intense, but not much fun.

Sweetboy and I were pretty tired of all the anti-punk bullshit a lot of which was never expressed directly, but which we'd hear about indirectly. By the time the second wave of blurb censorship came, in the summer of 1983, Bite had split "Subliminal Nightmare" and had his own show "Trash Value", making three punk shows on KOPN. I decided it'd be a good time to switch our show over to a broader new independent music format to extricate our show from what had become a no-win situation.

This was readily agreed to by crumbles around us.

Sweetboy who took advantage of the situation to do shows on Brian Eno, harmelodics, and beat poets. After of the staff and volunteers. The a while his eccentric friend Johnny hostility and hatred of these former K. became a regular guest and some hippies and middle-class liberals of the more outside experimental

> Now Sweetboy's gone, I'm doing the show every week again, and "Sleepless Frenzy" has shifted its emphasis again. Now I'm playing alot of popping punk and post-punk. My latest favorites include Camper Von Beethoven, the Systembeat compilation, Billy Bragg, Dub Syndicate and the great girl group Frightwig! I still like hardcore, too, especially the new Amebix album. You'll just have to hear this stuff for yourself! So tune in every Saturday night at midnight on KOPN 89.5 FM. And don't forget "Subliminal Nightmare" which comes on right after me at 3 AM with my old pal, Arianne.

See y'all next month with another report on the world as it

International Anarchist News



FREDY PERLMAN, 1934-85

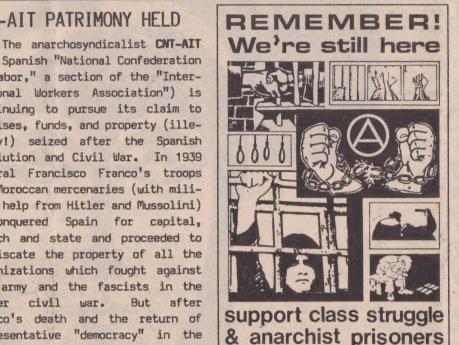
Fredy Perlman, one of the founders of the periodical and subsequently the publishing house Black & Red: author, translator and publisher of many radical books and pamphlets; and lifelong antiauthoritarian died on the 26th of July. Born in Brno, Czechoslovakia, Perlman lived in Cochabamba, Bolivia in his early youth before emigrating with his parents to the U.S. in 1945. In 1966 he obtained his Ph.D. at the Law Faculty of Belgrade University in Yugoslavia. In 1968 he travelled to France where he participated in the exhilarating May days in Paris and worked at the Censier center with the Citroen factory committee.

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CNT-AIT PATRIMONY HELD

(the Spanish "National Confederation of Labor," a section of the "International Workers Association") is continuing to pursue its claim to premises, funds, and property (illegally!) seized after the Spanish Revolution and Civil War. In 1939 General Francisco Franco's troops and Moroccan mercenaries (with military help from Hitler and Mussolini) re-conquered Spain for capital, church and state and proceeded to confiscate the property of all the organizations which fought against the army and the fascists in the bitter civil war. But after Franco's death and the return of representative "democracy" in the 1970's the Spanish state began returning the confiscated property to organizations like the Spanish socialist and communist parties from which it had been taken. Not surprisingly, however, the state has done everything in its power to prevent the return of what would amount now to many millions of dollars worth of funds, premises, printing equipment and other property to an anarchist union which at the height of its influence during the revolution claimed over two million members. SOURCE: BLACK FLAG. London

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ness who "noticed" Omori on the night of the bombing. And evidence presented in the case included the suggestion that because Omori didn't have a fire extinguisher in his house he must have used it to make the bomb! Unfortunately for Omori, who has always protested his innocence, in Japan a Judge can interpret evidence (or lack of it) any way he pleases, and can therefore sentence a person to death just because he doesn't like that person's attitude, or face. This is exactly what happened in Omori's case--as an anarchist, he certainly hasn't shown the court the respect it would wish. He is still on death row today after 9 years in prison, though he has lodged an appeal and a second trial is now taking place at the Wight Court in Sannord The second

and elsewhere could make the difference between life and death. Write and protest to the Japanese embassy and send letters of support to Omori via his Tokyo support group:

K. Omori c/o No. 35, Chitose P.O.Box Setagaya-Ku, Tokyo SOURCE: BLACK FLAG, London

BRAZILIAN ANARCHISTS

On April 14th the Libertarian Cultural Center (organized by the Social Culture Center-"CCS") in Bras reopened. After almost 17 years of enforced absence, the center has reopened in the same working class district of Sao Paulo in the same building that it occupied until it was suppressed by the state in 1968. "Our aim," the CCS's general secretary 58 year-old shoemaker Jaime Cubero says, "is to retrieve and disseminate libertarian values." "Power must be managed by the workers themselves," says another member.

Although anarchist groups have been suppressed for the last 17 years, many of the members of the CCS are young people who remember nothing of the long history of the organization which dates back to 1933, having originated from the Grupo Filodramatico Social, itself a part of the Sao Paulo Labor Federation formed in 1908. Anarchists are also reorganizing elsewhere in the country. In Rio de Janeiro 58 yearold doctor Ideal Peres intends to have the historic Jose Oiticica Center, an association like Sao Paulo's CCS, open by the end of the year. There are similar ventures underway in Cavine de Gul Calundar and Dahia a Med; and Mot Claustacor and publisher of many radical books and pamphlets; and lifelong antiauthoritarian died on the 26th of July. Born in Brno, Czechoslovakia, Perlman lived in Cochabamba, Bolivia in his early youth before emigrating with his parents to the U.S. in 1945. In 1966 he obtained his Ph.D at the Law Faculty of Belgrade University in Yugoslavia. In 1968 he travelled to France where he participated in the exhilarating May days in Paris and worked at the Censier center with the Citroen factory committee.

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OMORI STILL ON DEATH ROW

K. Omori is a Japanese anarchist who was arrested on August 10, 1976 and accused of bombing Japanese government offices on the island of Hokkaido (the Japanese word for the colony they occupy). The natives call the island "Ainu-Moshiri."

His farcical trial began February 1977 and dragged on until March 29, 1983, when he was found guilty and sentenced to death. The prosecution could only find one wit-

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If Omori wins his appeal the Public Prosecutor has made it known that he will take the case to the Supreme Court. If Omori loses this appeal he will lodge another.

There are now four Omori support groups in Japan--in Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and Sapporo. However, he could still be murdered for an act he did not commit. Enough international solidarity from here ers themselves," says another member.

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OMORI leaves Sapporo High Court, 1985

by Diane Dekay

Pornography--the expression of sex and sexuality in print, photography, and cinema--is for the most part a reflection of our social relations. The sad fact about most contemporary pornography is that it reinforces many stereotypes of female sexuality, just as culture in general does. Even alternative (i.e. feminist) culture has done very little to transcend dominant cultural stereotypes of female sexuality, and in some ways has only added to them. In fact, contemporary pornography, traditional culture and feminism all make the same error when it comes to female sexuality--they all perpetuate fixed ideas about the sexual nature of women.

IDEALIZED SEXUALITY

In traditional culture (where sexuality is limited to expression in private, while publicly being suppressed by laws, taboos and moralism) female sexuality is narrowly characterized by passivity, morbid frugality and "good girlishness." Contemporary pornography simply makes a caricature of the very opposite of culture's view of female sexuality by portraying the secret nature of women as an uncomplicated sexual insatiability. On the other hand many feminists have a strong tendancy to see women as inherent victims, characterizing female sexuality as a set of behaviors that cannot be interpreted as being dangerous. Here for example, female sexuality becomes what is not "male-identified." Since male sexuality is "obviously" violent, oversexed, insensitive and rape-oriented, it is dangerous for women to encourage men by seeking out pleasure, carrying feminity into public, or orienting sexuality to include men. The "pornographic woman" here becomes the scourge of female sexuality by which all behaviors and ideas are measured.

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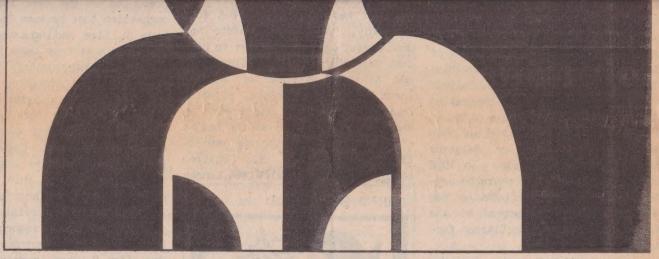


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Wherever one cares to look, whether in pornography or in feminist-separatist communities, idealizations of female sexuality are frozen in a set of bankrupt images, leaving very few choices that encourage movement, creativity or freedom. This perversion of female sexuality is obsessed with identifying it with some universal, black or white image or set of rules. It's all the same coin, whether on the one side chains are put on women



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a "correct line" on female sexuality. For some feminists the very existence of S&M bestiality and pornography is "male" and "sexist." But if pornography is only male it is partly because women aren't supposed to like pornography. If pornography only serves males (and preserves sexism) pornography by another name ("erotica") define a whole sphere of sexual behaviors we must demand a less rigid, stereotypi-

Pornography & female sexuality

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RADICAL MORALISM

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in photographs, or on the other chains as inherently degrading, whether they are off on any other of a list of taboos (like being aroused by kids, animals, machismo, leather, pornography, etc.). Yet in fact. when you talk with women about their of actual sexual fantasies all the rules and recently published anti-porn piece (in The with the sexism in pornography as it is

PORN & THE WHORE

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In my experiences pornography has in the minds of sex police and their posed to want to "pull the train," or get not necessarily been synonymous with sexism and objectification, nor does it need to be. Pornography means different things to different people, depending largely on what beliefs and attitudes they approach it. Two women can look at the same picture or movie and come away with totally different impressions. For example, an anarchist feminist in a self, I find it equally difficult to deal myself pornography has had nearly revolu-Continued on page 8



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passionate endeavors in which mutuality, communication and shameless immediate gratification come together in utopian simplicity) is the central issue here. The relentless attack on the authoritarian personality, on the sexual hierarchy and on the will to normality (at first a highly conscious and dangerous project), will only succeed when it becomes second nature. In what follows a certain parallel is suggested between economic disadvantage and sexual disadvantage. Yet the notion that sexual disadvantage is determined by the economic system has been the standard leftist excuse for years. Political reformists and would-be revolutionaries find it a comforting blanket under which the inauthenticity of their everyday lives can be hidden.

Sexual disadvantage is relative. It is a subjective experience which has certain identifiable objective features. Sexual touching and intercourse as well as emotional touching have a unique history and meaning for you as does their alienation. So you cannot help but take exception to parts of any critique which attempts to examine in a general way oppressive dynamics which affect a class of people. But I am going to try anyway. And I will call the class I am talking about "the untouchables."

EMOTIONAL ALIENATION

Untouchables in our culture include the ugly, the obese, the reclusive, cripples, the elderly and some sexual deviants. Institutionalized persons including prisoners, the mentally impaired and inmates of psychiatric facilities are most often untouchables. Children and adolescents might also be included as well as many others who for countless reasons are denied freedom of sexual expression in a way which diminishes the quality of their existence. It matters



Loneliness, emotional alienation and sexual unhappiness are major social same time introjecting them into ourproblems of our time. While each of us suffer and feel our way about personal even when one is trying to avoid itcrises and malaise, little communion of even to me. For example, in an earlier emotion exists. The sets of conscious- essay, "The Cripple and the Man," I ness, which create the brackets of habitual movement, will only be rendered null by a radical, active process beyond the purview of individual will, institutional arrangements, or ideological analysis.

THE CULTIVATION OF DANGER

With all the safe paths leading nowhere and the "vulnerability" of liberal encounter/support groups just another form of self protection, the active cultivation of danger becomes the initial challenge for all freedom seekers. Danger is too immediate for selfabsorption and too threatening to fall back upon political modes of change. Self-absorption makes resolution of sexual alienation impossible because it brings about responses which grow from (rather than destroy) the social roots of the SEXUAL FULFILLMENT DENIED problems. On the other hand, politics is the refuge of those who have de-

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developed profile an archetypal sexually alienated male and labelled him a "creep."

Eros denied: a culture against untouchables

"Creep" refers to the ashamed sexuality of most men.... A creature of low self-esteam, the creep feels he cannot develop sustained intimate relationships with others. Despairing of intersubiective happiness, he takes the other as an object to exploit as best he can.

In place of critical analysis and emotional risk, the moralistic response provides easy explanations. "They are bad." "We are bad." "I am bad."

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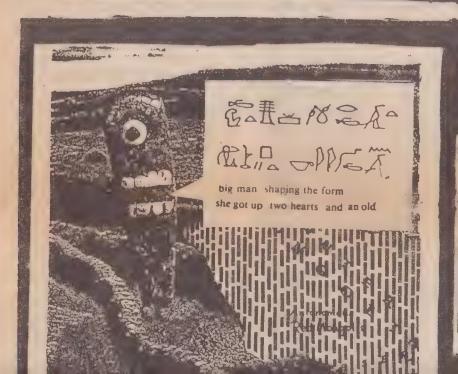
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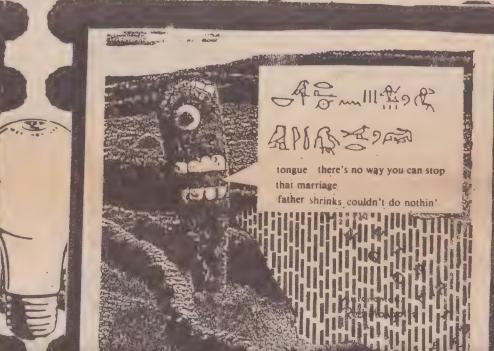
Untouchables in our culture include the ugly, the obese, the reclusive, cripples, the elderly and some sexual deviants. Institutionalized persons including prisoners, the mentally impaired and inmates of psychiatric facilities are most often untouchables. Children and adolescents might also be included as well as many others who for countless reasons are denied freedom of sexual expression in a way which diminishes the quality of their existence. It matters less that we formulate a precise set of criteria for calling someone an untouchable than for us to recognize the process as a social reality. The sexual invalidation of persons is a real phenomenon

which is largely a function of prejudice against certain classes of people, or at least a major portion of these classes. The consequences for the untouchable often include involuntary celibacy and a severely limited range of options for sexual expression. Wanting to "get laid" and not being able "to score" is not just the result of a bad weekend, or say, a miserable semester. Or emotionally, it's not a matter of a lull "meaningful relationships." between Rather, there is a whole caste of persons who have found sexual striving so punishing that they have withdrawn into social passivity and/or cynicism. What were formerly peaks and valleys of a wretching melodrama recede and become Continued on page 8













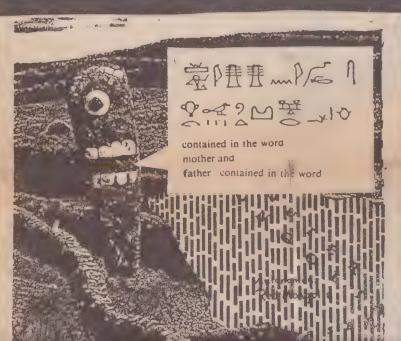






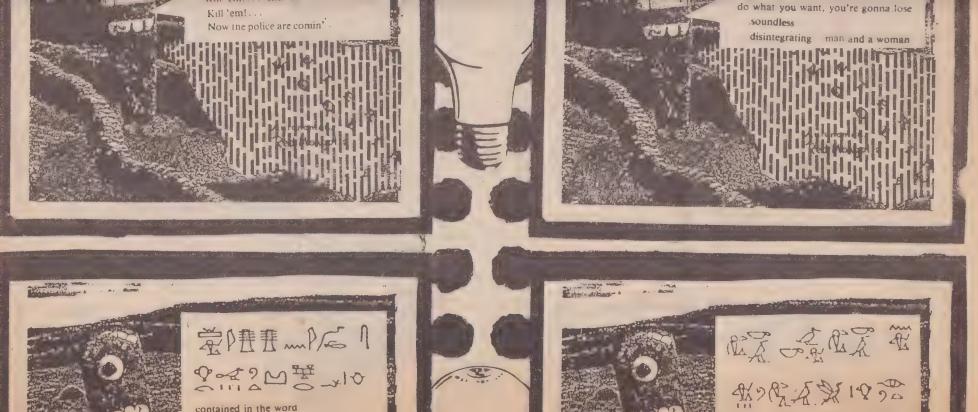






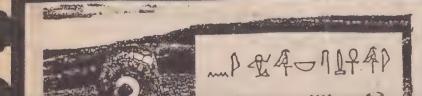


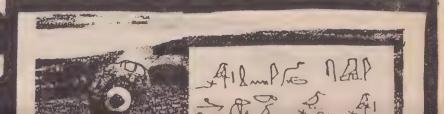


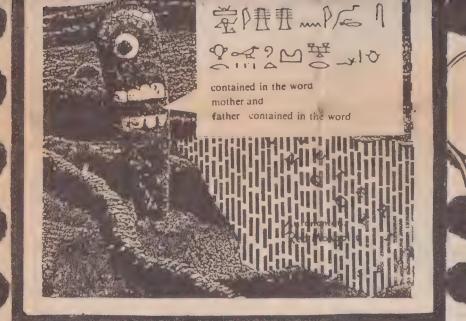


















Eros denied

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the background which becomes life as usual-- this is the sense of life that I am calling emotional alienation.

I'm not just dealing in abstractions: there are some real people here...men whose sex life is bought with money. Men and women who remain in unhappy relationships out of desperation. Those who manage some sexual affirmation through compulsive promiscuity. In short, untouchable's physical and romantic interplay is usually a matter of survival, of "getting it" in any way possible.

PORN/ANTI-PORN

Nothing gets me wetter than closing my eyes and envisioning all those cocks

that'll be getting hard from a sex scene I do. --Taija Rae, porn actress

Imagine, if you need to, what it must be like to get the strokes you need from the declaration of a star, a distant glamor image, that she enjoys your hard-on. Or, consider this come on from H phone sex ad: "I'm lying back in the sun...getting hot and juicy just thinking about your call. Talk dirty to me...I'll rub my nipples hard. I want to cum with your phone fantasies." Lot's of money is being made off men who masturbate while listening to a woman feign sexual arousal and orgasm on the phone. Simplistic slogans like "pornography is violence against women" or denigration of male pornophiles as "creeps," add little to our comprehension of sexual alienation. The theory and practice of the repression of pornography which stems from a genuine concern about the victimizing of women in a patriarchal society has led to a regressive alliance between a segment of the feminist community and the New Right. This alliance is not really as much a contradiction as it appears to conventional spectators. What is shared is more basic than what is different. What is shared is the good vs. evil worldview which cannot help but result in self-righteous moralism and intolerance of those who don't conform to the commandments, expectations and values of the ideologist.

Well, the repression of sexually explicit literature won't do anything to change the cultural milieu which makes gratification through "dirty" movies and magazines preferable to any available alternative. Forbidding untouchables to obtain certain images for use in masturbation is not going to do anything to enhance sexual equality or liberation. It will make matters worse for the untouchable by denying him or her one small forum for release of sexual frustration. One private chance to be lustful and shameless without being rejected, without feeling anxious and awkward, and without bothering anyone. "What do you mean without bothering anyone? The sex-industry uses coercion and brutality against thousands of women every year," retorts the critical reader. That is true and I want to put an end to this exploitation as well as others. However, creating a culture in which there is little exploitation requires, not stronger laws or greater moral resolve, but rather individual and collective experiments in removing the barriers to one loving another.

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long as they keep the money coming in. Neither militarism nor capitalism is very conducive to love, nor is the sexual caste system.

A decline in alienating modes of sexuality requires consciously identifying and challenging our attitudes and practices which reinforce sexual hierarchy. The predjudices and romantic illusions which keep "untouchables" and others in "their place" are so integrated into the way we are that it's hard to tug at one thread without unraveling our whole existence. (I will deal with some of these in more detail in future essays.)

YOUNG LUST

One excellent comic book which exposes the follies and foibles of feeling and fucking is Young Lust # 6, the creation of fourteen artists, edited by Bill Griffith and Jay Kinney. It is a work which has communion of emotion at its heart. Ambitious in its range and variety, variegated in style and ideas, as well as in affect and effect, the comic is a document of satire and commentary which embraces the sexual outsider. The cast of characters reeks poignantly of the sexual misery of the world. They include Claude Funston, a "creep" who is trapped

in his own fantasy world and whose infant son resolves his Oedipal complex by kicking Claude out of the house. Then there's Spain, the rat who can take or leave the woman who loves him, until he becomes a victim of his own game; Harold, the nurd, who finds a little happiness; and Mary the Minor, who survives a nightmare of sexual exploitation, to find a loving friend, only to be returned to captivity by her asshole parents. Also there's Didi Glitz, the not so pretty aging woman, whose female friends buy her a young gigolo for her birthday. On the back cover is "Crazy Love," Jay Kinney's hilarious portrayal of a chance lustful encounter of two hyper-rationalists.

CO-OP CENSORSHIP

Late last year the staff of the Columbia Community Grocery removed Young Lust #6 (together with Love and Rockets #8) from the magazine rack, their claiming it was "pornographic." Jay Kinney responded to these charges in a letter which omitted Jay's most telling enjoy fully.

argument. In her response to Jay's letter in the CCG Newsletter, a co-op staff person called the comic book "offensive and degrading." (Subsequently the CCG staff also supressed the circulation of Tits and Clits #6, a similar work by women comic artists).

Jay Kinney's letter speaks eloquently for the integrity of the Young Lust series. The actions of the co-op's staff are just one more example of the intolerance and short-sightedness within the so-called "liberal" counterculture, which can only contribute to its own demise. But my purpose here is only to illustrate how the struggle for getting rid of the bullshit paradigm which systematically denies sexual fulfillment to a lot of us. must deal not only with overt promoters of sexual privilege and status (e.g. Cosmopolitan and Playboy, creators of glamor and romantic myths, etc.), but also with those who declare themselves to be on the side of freedom but who have no sense of how the untouchable experiences the world.

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Dec. 24, 1984 Dear friends.

Thanks for your letter and the copy of the badouy report with the brief account of the controversy that Young Lust #6 has stimulated. I should have known that I wouldn't first issue of Young Lust in the make it all the way through 1984 without some Orwellian incident -- no an art school student. YL began as

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I will admit that I have conflicting impulses on how to respond. On the one hand I am disinclined to "plead my case" before the CCG staff, for, when all is said and done, I think the comic speaks for itself, especially if it is read in the same satirical spirit as that with which it was produced. On the other hand, the CCG staff members who deemed YL pornographic have obviously already missed the point, so I have no great hopes that they'll suddenly be seized with senses of humor that would allow them to chuckle instead of squint at the comic. Since the resolution of this controversy will apparently be left to the decision of the CCG membership, I might as well make a statement for their benefit.

Bill Griffith and I drew the Spring of 1970, when I was 19 and

parody--that is, ■ specific satire-of what were then called "girl's romance comics," the genre of comicbooks titles like with Young Love, Young Romance, Teen Confessions, Just Married. and My Love. It was obvious at the time that those comics were promulgating a

traditional, conservative worldview so far removed from the reality that we saw all around us that they could almost be considered propaganda. So we decided to draw a comic using the conventions of that genre to make humorous comment upon the gap between the world of "comicbook romance" and the reality of the "youth culture" of 1970. Young Lust was quite a success for an underground comic, and In by itself sold over 200,000 copies throughout the 70's.

Every few years we would put together a new issue, asking cartoonists we knew to draw humorous comicstrips. As time went by, the focus of the comic expanded from the original genre parodies to a broader satire of modern "relationships" and culture in general. Parodies of other genres were played with, including science fiction, soap operas, westerns, and suspense thrillers. The roster of artists expanded from the original two to, in #6, thirteen: eight men and five women cartoonists.



Claude Funston by Bill Griffith

Despite the potential for parlaying the comic's success into a quick knock-em-out to make-a-buck operation, we preferred to stay with small publishers and only come out when there was enough of a built-up sense of having "something to say" to justify a new issue.

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shifted over the years as the original romance comics went off to oblivion. as what was countercultural became more mainstream, and as sex in the media became more commonplace. By the time we did YL #6 in 1980, the cultural situation had, in many ways, almost reversed itself. What now seemed to call for satire and critique wasn't the straight naivete of conservative "romance" but, instead, the decadent cultural results of ten years of supposed sexual liberation. YL #6 was, in large part, made up of artists looking back on both the mad rush for pleasure in the 70's and reflecting on their own lives during that time. Some genre parody remained, including a satire of espionage pulp stories by Paul Mavrides and I, but mostly the comicstrips in the issue are artists' satires of various people's approaches to relationships. Now, four years later -- in a new cultural timeframe where Reagan has been re-elected and significant portions of the women's movement find themselves in tactical alliance with

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the simple reason that the comic strips in it were not intended to cause sexual excitement. They were drawn as satirical comments on contemporary "relationships." In fact, I consider anyone who would be sexually excited by the comics in YL to be so starved for salaciousness that they'd probably also get worked up over a new Sear's Catalog.

However, the new definition of pornography that seems to be employed these days has little to do with sexual excitement and more to do with the depiction of power imbalances in a sexual context. The Mackinnon-Dworkin anti-pornography law which was passed and signed by the mayor last May (ed. note: 1984) in Indianapolis defines pornography as "the sexually explicit subordination of women, whether in pictures or in words." To help make things a bit more specific for the purposes of law-enforcement at least one of these additional conditions must be present: the presentation of women as "sexual objects who enjoy pain or humiliation," as "sexual objects who experience sexual pleasure in being raped," and as "sexual objects for domination, conquest, violation, exploitation, possession or use."

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of Reddi Wip. Claude's partner on the bed, who can only be seen from the waist down, is clad in black mesh underpants with red fringe. The cover, like the story ("Plug--Un-Pluq") portrays alienated sex as a desperate attempt at "fun." It effectively achieves its end through parody and hyperbole. The women and men alike are all shown as subordinated to their own desires and fantasies, with no one the winner. Were Young Lust intended as pornography, this cover would be a commercial blunder. Were Young Lust intended as satire--which it is--the cover makes more sense.

How about the inside front cover? This certainly looks suspicious...it doesn't take more than a glance to tell that this is a page of 20 or so little ads for scurrilous porn--just like they have in the back pages of some men's magazines. Why, here's an ad for "Adult Books.. .All the Subjects Other Dealers Won't Handle! Joyce...Huxley... Dostoyevski...Breton..." Hmm. Well, how about this one for "Lifelike Warm Water Quiche. Not inflated but a solid realistic depiction of a quiche--melted cheese, light flakey crust. Not a cheap toy! The most lifelike love slave imaginable!" Or there's the ad for "Outrageous Swedish Kinky Food Films...ready to swallow! 1. Fast Food...2. Picnic Group Shot...3. Cafeteria Nights." You get the idea. To be totally blunt, what is being mocked here is the fevered pornographic impulse that turns something natural (sex--or in this case, food) into something Prurient. Satire? Yes. Pornography? Hardly.

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joy this treatment, and they either give him his own medicine or leave him. This is hardly ■ testimonial for mistreating women—on the contrary, it is a "self-expose" and not pornographic in intention.

We'll skip Michael McMillan's two-page "Harold Wiseguy" because it is so squeaky clean you could make a Disney movie out of it. Likewise, Mary K. Brown's 3-pager and R. Scwartz's 1-pager have nothing to do with sex, but a lot to do with poetry and opera.

What's left? Another confessional story—this one by Phoebe Gloeckner about her urban adolescence growing up with drugs and runaways. This is powerful first-person stuff, by a significant young cartoonist, however it isn't porn. Sorry. Neither is Gary Panter's 3-page adaptation of scenes from Tom DeHaven's novel, Freaks' Amour. Panter's pages are horrific, and DeHaven's tale of a sideshow act is extreme, but the story is hardly an exercise in pornography—no more than the movie "Eraserhead."

I could go on item for item through the rest of the comic but I've gotten depressed just going this far. No cartoonist likes to explain his or her jokes to a dour audience. Lenny Bruce, one of the most brilliant and ascerbic social commentators to ever walk onstage, spent the last years of his life fighting court battles with local DA's out to bust his ass for daring to chip away at the early 60's facade of the American Dream. In the end, Lenny's stage act involved his hauling legal tomes and law books out before the audience and lecturing them on the absurdities and contradictions contained in the American system of justice. I've little de-

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the new right around the issue of suppressing sexual media--we come to the allegation from some folks in Columbia that Young Lust #6 is pornographic.

Since I have no way of reading the minds of the CCG staff or other individuals who found Young Lust #6 to be pornographic -- and from all indications I would find the experience chilling were I able to anyway -- I have no easy way of finding out what definition of "pornography" they are using. I gather from this incident and others that have been reported in the press, that the old dictionary definition of "pornography" no longer holds. That definition labeled porn as "material (such as books or a photograph) that depicts erotic behavior and is intended to cause sexual excitement." According to such a definition, I have a difficult time perceiving Young Lust #6 as pornographic for these additional conditions must be present: the presentation of women as "sexual objects who enjoy pain or humiliation," as "sexual objects who experience sexual pleasure in being raped," and as "sexual objects for domination, conquest, violation, exploitation, possession or use."

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Is YL devoted to "the graphic sexually explicit subordination of women?" Let's take a look. The cover by Bill Griffith--creator of Zippy the Pinhead--refers to the first story in the comic, a sorry tale about another of Griffith's characters, Claude Funston, a seedy loser who fancies himself m swinger. The cover catches Claude clad in red and white striped boxer shorts advancing towards m bed holding a can Warm Water Quiche. Not inflated but a solid realistic depiction of a quiche--melted cheese, light flakey crust. Not a cheap toy! The most lifelike love slave imaginable!" Or there's the ad for "Outrageous Swedish Kinky Food Films...ready to swallow! 1. Fast Food...2. Picnic Group Shot 3. Cafeteria Nights." You get the idea. To be totally blunt, what is being mocked here is the fevered pornographic impulse that turns something natural (sex--or in this case, food) into something Prurient. Satire? Yes. Pornography? Hardly.

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I could go on item for item

To summarize: I think it's clear that m (God help us!) careful and sober reading of Young Lust #6 will determine that it isn't pornographic under either the old or new definitions of pornography. Moreover, I think it's cruel and unusual punishment to make cartoonists explain how and why their work is I remain. funny.

Jay Kinney

(ed. note: all comics from YL #6)



Letters

PUNK ANARCHISTS BURN

C.A.L. folks.

Many thanks--the Reith piece was much appreciated Punk anarchists are, to paraphrse Celine, "much better firewood than a violin."

G.O., Junction City, KS.

SCOTAG

Publishers of ANARCHY. and fellow comrades and humans.

I am sending you a few song lyrics and a cartoon and a few homemade flyers in hopes that it might possibly be printed in whole or in part--edited, mixed, re-mixed, whatever -- in ANARCHY.

Our band Scotag is progressing rapidly and I hope our songs can

maybe put some distrust in people's minds about their political surroundings and our greedy government's foreign policies. We also have numerous songs that deal with this "Nuclear Nightmare Diplomacy." We are striving for what we believe in and we know that there are others who share our beliefs, maybe not to such extremes, but hopefully everyone can get the picture of our current situation and what will BE.

I have a lot of paper with words backed by personal research and my sick social hardened sense of humor, so if you are interested I would be willing to make a monetary qesture--even though it's trash (money) we have to rely on it for our needs.

> Sincerely, Steve XYK32, Columbia, MO.

P.S. SCOTAG means: everyone is full of shit!

Compagnon de miseres

Live your life to die in the shadows

It's a traditional natural thing We were all meant to follow in footsteps

Acting out someone else's dreams

Humans are numbered, labeled and filed

You can't be anyone if you're not on record

You pay your taxes for the rich to

You give money to false gods who offer you solace

Ignorance is bliss so why compete The laws of social survival are unjust complete

It's a choice of nowhere unless you're mentally off The history books were written--

To serve us again

From the time of cave men to the current primal people, the human mind has held violence, death and destruction as its greatest achievement.

A million people must die to satisfy the desires

Of a handful of elite. Chemicals and bombs decide the

Of such men

destiny

Where did this lust for blood originate?

Is murder emotion within?

"Words are the loose tools Thoughts are the roaming eye."

> -- Steven O'Dell, "Face in the Road"

"Power is justified by the beliefs Of the voluntary obedient

Progressive regression lies the destiny

Of an industrialized wasteland Undying trust from individuals Who know no other way of existence Mechanics are needed to control emotion

From the clockwork reality of truth"

-- "Authority" definition

COLUMBIA IN PERSPECTIVE BY LEV CHERNYI

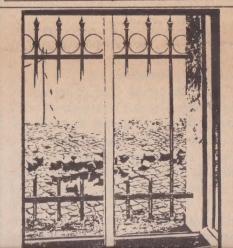
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First off this paper is meant to be very locally oriented, and is not at all intended to fit the usual mold of most north american anarchist tabloids--which are predominantly nationally or internationally distributed theoretical and/or news journals (e.g. The Fifth Estate, Strike!, Open Road, Overthrow). Rather, we want to try to reach, as much as possible, a cross-section of the whole population of Columbia and Boone County. However, this doesn't mean that we have any desire to water down our ideas in order to make them more palatable to people (as many people would suggest), or to put on some sort of innocuous front (as others suggest) in order to trick people into reading about our ideas. We want to be totally "out front" about where we're coming from. We have nothing to hide on this score.

Because we are very locally oriented and because we are all extremely concerned with the quality of social intercourse and everyday life here and now, we want to present a diversity of immediately useful and thought-provoking material. This isn't merely a theoretical journal, a news journal, or a cultural journal. We want to combine all three and more into a richly communicative totality. Even though some aspects of ANARCHY may become predictable (e.g. the news review, regular coverage of international anarchist news, etc.), don't ever expect the same type of content to appear in any two issues. Instead we will be aiming to continually

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Finally, it should be said that year!

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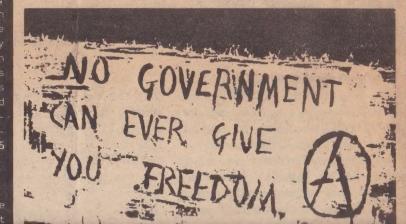
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